

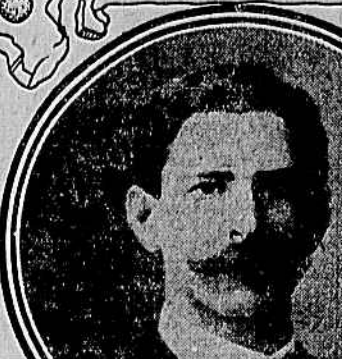
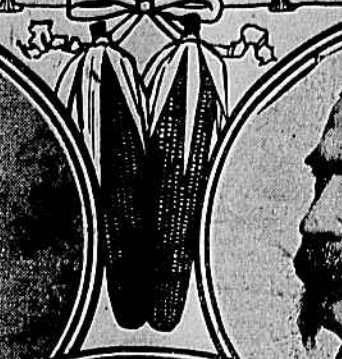
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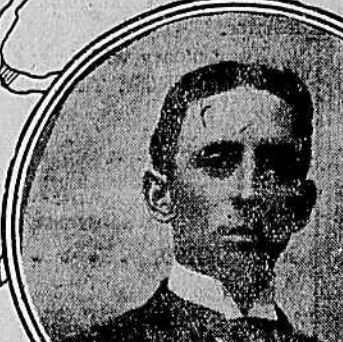
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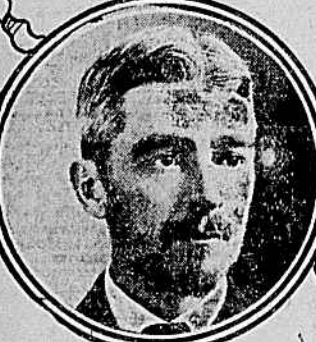
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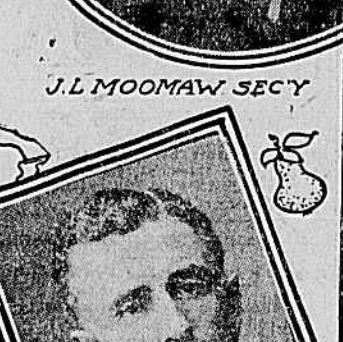
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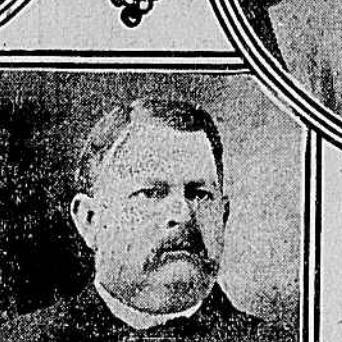
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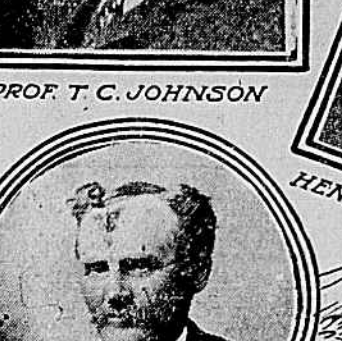
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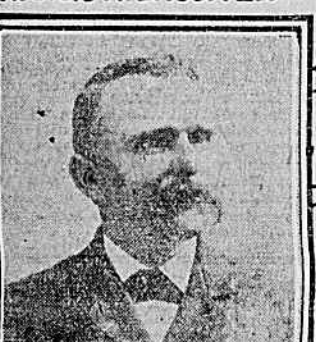
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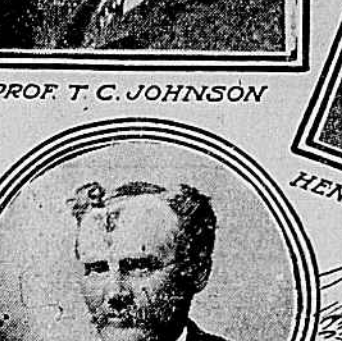
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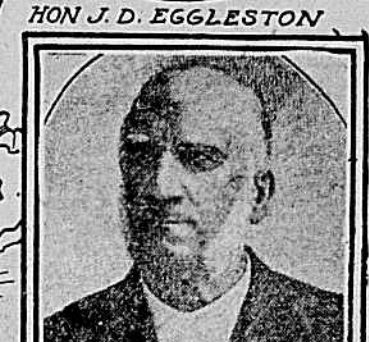
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PROSPECT OF BIG CROPS IN STATE CHEERS FARMERS

Drought Broken and Good Times Seem to be Coming. Chamber of Agriculture.

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Members may obtain rooms at reasonable cost.

Trip to Famous Farm.

While all are looking forward to the hearing of discussions and papers on the various subjects in which they are interested, perhaps the most generally anticipated feature of the institute will be the trip to Curle's Neck and the inspection of the model farm at that point. On this trip all members of the institute will be the guests of the city of Richmond and of the commercial organizations of the city, the detailed arrangements being in the hands of a joint committee from the Council and the Chamber of Commerce, presided over by Mr. Henry W. Wood. The steamships Pocahontas and Berkeley have been engaged, and will leave the Old Dominion Wharf at 8 o'clock on Thursday morning. Tickets are being issued by Secretary Moomaw as the delegates register at his headquarters. The Curle's Neck farm is owned by Mr. Charles H. Seiff, a sugar magnate of New York.

He erected the present handsome brick residence which stands on a bluff a little back from the James River, almost on the site of a house which was once the home of Nathaniel Bacon. Report has it that Mr. Seiff bought his enormous Virginia plantation both as a hunting and fishing ground, and also to make extensive experiments in raising beets for sugar manufacture in Tidewater Virginia. At any rate he has highly improved the farm, having several thousand acres in cultivation, all underdrained and laid off with macadamized roads. His stables and farm buildings are models of their kind, having every possible convenience and improvement. While there are homes on the place for the large number of laborers employed, a big mill enables the proprietor to sell many of the products of the farm put up ready for use. Manager Seiff will welcome the guests, who have been especially invited by the proprietor to inspect the property, and the train of big four-horse wagons, with which the produce of the farm is usually hauled to Richmond, will be put into use to take the visitors over the place.

In order not to cause overcrowding, it has been planned that one of the boats will land its party at Curle's Neck in the morning for several hours, while the other proceeds on down the river as far as Westover, the famous

Farmers to Richmond

"I anticipate the most successful meeting in the history of our organization," said President T. O. Sandy, of the Farmers' Institute, to a representative of The Times-Dispatch last night. "The executive committee has met to-night, with representatives from all sections of the State in attendance, and all the officers and leaders in the institute are on the ground. Every indication points to the largest and most generally distributed attendance we have had. I believe the program prepared is the best we have ever had, and will prove of the greatest benefit to all present. The influence of the institute on farming in all parts of Virginia will be enormous."

home of Colonel William Byrd, the founder of Richmond. When the first party has inspected the farm thoroughly, that boatload will proceed down the river, while the other boat will make its stop in the afternoon at Curle's Neck on the return trip.

Luncheon will be served on both boats and it is anticipated that the day will be the most enjoyable one of the institute. A large committee from the City Council and the Chamber of Commerce, headed by Mr. Robert Lecky, Jr., will look after the comfort of the guests.

Features of Program.
Of the program for the institute proper the diversity of topics announced shows the wide range of farming in Virginia, and also the tendency of specialization, which has developed in the form of fruit-raising and cattle-raising, as well as in tobacco and other crops.

In the sessions this morning after the addresses of welcome from the Governor of the State and the Mayor of the city, with response from the Hon. John W. Churchman, member of the Legislature from Augusta county, and chairman of the State Board of Agriculture, the president's address will be delivered by Hon. T. O. Sandy, of Burkeville, director of the experiment farm at that point, and one of the most progressive dairymen and general farmers in the State.

After the appointment of committees and the transaction of preliminary business, there will be an address by Dr. Paul B. Barringer, president of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Hon. G. W. Koiner, State Commissioner of Agriculture, will discuss "Immigration and Farm Labor," explaining the attempt on the part of the State to increase the value of farm land by inducing immigration of thrifty and hard-working people from desirable sections.

for the afternoon session are "Truck Farming in Eastern Virginia," "The Management of Eastern Virginia Farm Lands," "The Use of Crimson Clover as an Aid to Land Improvement," "Sugar Beet and Peanut Growing in Virginia," and "Live Stock as a Factor in the Advancement of the Agricultural Interests of the State."

To-night will be largely given up to discussion of fruit growing, Hon. Samuel B. Woods, of Albemarle county, former Mayor of Charlottesville, discussing the "Farmer's Orchard." Dr. S. W. Fletcher, director of the Virginia Experiment Station, will lecture with stereoscopic illustrations, on "Farm Orchard Management."

Problems of Farmers.
Perhaps of even more practical benefit will be the program of to-morrow, the subjects taken up being, if anything, more directly related to the individual interests of the Virginia farmers and the problems with which they are daily confronted. Business organization on the farm will be discussed by Hon. A. J. McMath, secretary of the Eastern Shore Produce Association, after which several members of the institute will join in a discussion of the various forms of grass growing in Virginia, especially as to the advisability of raising alfalfa. Tobacco growing, the principal industry of the Southside Virginia farmer, will be discussed by Professor E. H. Mathewson and Mr. J. R. Horsley. Sheep husbandry in Virginia, an industry which is too much neglected in this State, but which a few farmers are finding to be most profitable both in its direct results and in the improvement of the land, will be the subject of papers by Hon. H. E. Abuckley, of West Virginia, on whose Greenbrier farm sheep raising has long been conducted, and by Mr. Willis O. Wing, of Ohio.

which were turned under to enrich the soil preparatory to planting a grain crop. Some progressive farmers have in this way from year to year brought up old and abandoned land until it now ranks and is valued with the best in the State.

The breeding of draft horses in Virginia will be discussed by Hon. Westmoreland Davis, of Leesburg, the general subject of horse breeding will be discussed by Dr. J. G. Ferneyhough, the State Veterinarian, and by Mr. S. Halston.

To-morrow afternoon the leading discussion will be by Hon. P. St. Julian Wilson, State Highway Commissioner, on "The Improvement of the Roads in Virginia." It is hoped to have an address at this time from Hon. F. R. Lassiter.

"Dairying in Virginia" will be discussed by Professor W. D. Saunders, State Dairy Commissioner, an authority on the handling of milk and dairy products. Mr. J. A. Turner, of Hollins, Va., will discuss "The Proper Feeding of a Herd of Cattle."

Chamber of Agriculture.
At the session to-morrow evening business matters will be transacted, the reports of the committees will be received and the election of officers will take place.

In this connection perhaps the most interesting matter is the report of a special committee, of which Mr. Westmoreland Davis is chairman, appointed to look into the advisability of incorporating the institute, securing a charter with certain definite powers for the more extended protection of the agricultural interests of the State. The committee has not as yet made public the character of its report, although it has had the matter under advisement for several months. In a general way the plan proposes the establishment of a central organization, which would accomplish for the farmers of the State something not unlike what is undertaken by the Chambers of Commerce of cities.

Such a central organization, or "Chamber of Agriculture," would look after the interests of the farmers before the Legislature, see that no undesirable or unfair laws are passed, represent the farmers in the matter of freight rates and selling prices of the various crops, keep them informed as to the condition of the markets, and, in a general way, be constantly on the watch.

The securing of a charter would enable the institute to receive State aid and to raise money in a central treasury for various purposes.

Should the institute decide on incorporation, the duties of the various officers would be materially changed, and on the report of this committee and the consequent action of the institute at large, hangs in large measure the choice of officers for the ensuing year.

STATE OFFICIALS VISIT RAILROADS' MODEL FARM

Dr. E. W. Magruder, chemist of the State Department of Agriculture, and Mr. Charles A. Miller, of the department, returned yesterday from a visit

Richmond to Farmers

"We are more than pleased at the outlook for the Farmers' Institute," said Business Manager Dabney, of the Chamber of Commerce, yesterday. "I returned from Atlantic City to-day in order to be one of the reception committee, and am delighted to find the indications pointing to a large and enthusiastic attendance."

"I believe the meeting of the farmers in Richmond will cement their friendship for Richmond, and in the long run will be productive of as much benefit to the commercial institutions of the city in the way of building up trade conditions with all sections of the State as any gathering which has been held in Richmond in recent years."

to the experiment farm of the Norfolk and Western Railway at Ivor, in Southampton county, where they were the guests of Mr. F. H. LaBaume, industrial agent of the road. The company owns about 1,000 acres, which was purchased for the road by General William Mahone many years ago for its timber value, at a time when the locomotives were burning wood. It was not long after the purchase that the road pushed its way into the coal fields and the great timber tract was untouched.

A considerable portion of the land has been cleared under the direction of Mr. LaBaume, and fitted as a modern and well equipped farm as a model for investors along the route of the Norfolk and Western.

In boring a well recently on the farm to install a water system, perfectly formed sea shells were brought up at a depth of about forty feet. As Ivor is some thirty miles in an air line from the coast, the shell deposit occasioned considerable comment.

SUFFERS FOR HER LOYALTY

Courtney Spruell Is Fined \$25 for Interfering with Officer.

Charged with interfering with and resisting Officer Toot, while the Officer was trying to arrest Silas Hunt, Courtney Spruell, colored, was fined \$25 and put under \$100 security for six months in Police Court yesterday morning.

Officer Toot was endeavoring to arrest Hunt on a charge of shooting John Martin, when the woman interfered. In the melee Hunt escaped, and Toot arrested the woman. Martin was shot in the left side of the neck, one bullet out of six fired taking effect. He will recover.

ENTRANCES TO CEMETERIES

Committee Decides on More Modest Design to Come Within Appropriation.

The Council Committee on Cemeteries, which met yesterday at noon, decided to advertise as soon as possible for bids for the new entrances to Riverview and Mt. Calvary, which will come within the amount available for the work—\$1,000—appropriated by the Council and a like sum given by Mt. Calvary.

Some time ago the committee advertised for bids on a stone fence for the entrance with iron gates. These were found to be too expensive. Rather than wait to ask an additional appropriation from the new Council, the committee decided to have in place of the stone an iron fence, which will look quite as well, and which will be much less expensive. It is expected that the cost of an entrance entirely of iron will fall well within the amount in hand.

Besides this matter nothing but routine business was transacted by the committee. Pay rolls were signed and bills were ordered paid.

HARDNETT BADLY HURT

Case Against Talley, Charged With Cutting Man in Eye Continued.

James Talley colored charged with stabbing Henry Hardnett, also colored, in the left eye, appeared in Police Court yesterday morning, but owing to the condition of the injured man the case was continued until August 13th.

Hardnett was reported by Dr. H. F. Hoskins, of the city ambulance corps, to be still in a precarious condition, and bail was not allowed. Hardnett's eyes were taken out soon after the affair.

Charles Moore, charged with slashing Frey Shelton in the throat on Saturday night, was sent to the grand jury. The wound was of a dangerous character, but was not deep enough to cause fatal injury.

Coal Contracts Awarded.

Contracts for 12,000 tons of gas coal and 1,200 of Pocahontas steam coal for the use of the City Gas Works were awarded to Messrs. L. G. Crenshaw & Co. by the Light Committee, which met yesterday evening.

The accepted bids were \$2.63 per ton and \$2.38 per ton, respectively.

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Broke Leg in Leap.

Leaping from his wagon while his horse was running away down a steep incline, J. E. Mitten, of No. 1217 Baldwin Street, suffered a broken leg yesterday morning. He was attended by Dr. Eggleston, of the City Home corps, and was later taken to the Memorial Hospital for further treatment.

COMMITTEE GOES OVER PLANS FOR BIG CONVENTION

Manager of Curle's Neck Farm Personally Extends Invitation to Farmers to Visit Plantation.

At a session of the executive committee of the State Farmers' Institute, held at Murphy's Hotel last night, the final plans for the meeting which opens this morning in the auditorium of the Jefferson Hotel were gone over and approved. The program was found to be complete in every detail. With the large number of subjects to be treated, President Sandy was urged to hold the various speakers to the time allowed for their papers or discussions, in order that each session might complete the work allotted to it. The executive committee appointed Messrs. J. L. Moomaw, J. M. Williams and B. Morgan Shepherd a special committee to confer with Business Manager Dabney, of the Chamber of Commerce, in regard to the details of the proposed excursion on the James River on Thursday.

This committee will have charge of the issuance of all tickets for ladies and for the especially invited guests of the institute.

Manager Dabney of Curle's Neck, the model farm of Mr. Charles H. Seiff, on James River, appeared before the executive committee and personally extended an invitation to the members of the institute to make an inspection of the farm on Thursday. He said that opportunity would be offered to the farmers and those accompanying them to see the working of every part of the farm.

SITTING IN MURDER TRIAL

Judge Ingram Hearing Case Against J. W. Richards in Floyd County.

Judge John H. Ingram, of the Law and Equity Court, is sitting at Floyd Courthouse in the trial of John W. Richards, charged with the murder of Maurice Francis, a rival in a love affair.

Richards has been tried three times. The first time he was sentenced to be hanged, the second time he was sentenced to prison for life, and the third trial resulted in a hung jury.

The killing of Francis occurred about two years ago. It is alleged that Richards, who had bought a home with the idea of marrying, lay in wait for Francis, who was paying court to the same girl, and shot him to death. The girl has since married another man, and is living happily. Both parents and a sister of Richards have died since he has been in jail.